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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT EXEMPTING VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES AND
DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE SERVICES AND
COMPANIES FROM THE FEE FOR A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
CHECK.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 29-11 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

3 (a) The bureau in the Division of State Police within the Department
4 of Emergency Services and Public Protection known as the State Police
5 Bureau of Identification shall be maintained for the purposes of: (1)
6 Providing an authentic record of each person sixteen years of age or over
7 who is charged with the commission of any crime involving moral
8 turpitude, (2) providing definite information relative to the identity of
9 each person so arrested, (3) providing a record of the final judgment of
10 the court resulting from such arrest, unless such record has been erased
11 pursuant to section 54-142a, and (4) maintaining a central repository of
12 complete criminal history record disposition information. The
13 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection is directed
14 to maintain the State Police Bureau of Identification, which bureau shall

15 receive, classify and file in an orderly manner all fingerprints, pictures
 16 and descriptions, including previous criminal records as far as known
 17 of all persons so arrested, and shall classify and file in a like manner all
 18 identification material and records received from the government of the
 19 United States and from the various state governments and subdivisions
 20 thereof, and shall cooperate with such governmental units in the
 21 exchange of information relative to criminals. The State Police Bureau of
 22 Identification shall accept fingerprints of applicants for admission to the
 23 bar of the state and, to the extent permitted by federal law, shall
 24 exchange state, multistate and federal criminal history records with the
 25 State Bar Examining Committee for purposes of investigation of the
 26 qualifications of any applicant for admission as an attorney under
 27 section 51-80. The record of all arrests reported to the bureau after March
 28 16, 1976, shall contain information of any disposition within ninety days
 29 after the disposition has occurred.

30 (b) Any cost incurred by the State Police Bureau of Identification in
 31 conducting any name search and fingerprinting of applicants for
 32 admission to the bar of the state shall be paid from fees collected by the
 33 State Bar Examining Committee.

34 (c) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 35 shall charge the following fees for the service indicated: (1) Name
 36 search, thirty-six dollars; (2) fingerprint search, seventy-five dollars; (3)
 37 personal record search, seventy-five dollars; (4) letters of good conduct
 38 search, seventy-five dollars; (5) bar association search, seventy-five
 39 dollars; (6) fingerprinting, fifteen dollars; (7) criminal history record
 40 information search, seventy-five dollars. Except as provided in
 41 subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of this subsection shall not
 42 apply to (A) any federal, state or municipal agency, (B) any volunteer
 43 fire company or department, or (C) any volunteer ambulance service or
 44 company.

45 (d) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 46 may enter into one or more agreements with independent contractors
 47 requiring such contractors to receive and transmit by electronic means

48 fingerprints and demographic information to the State Police Bureau of
 49 Identification for the processing of criminal history records checks. The
 50 commissioner shall require such contractors to: (1) Collect and remit the
 51 fee charged for fingerprinting, as provided in subsection (c) of this
 52 section, to the State Police Bureau of Identification, and (2) comply with
 53 terms and conditions as the commissioner shall prescribe to protect and
 54 ensure the security, privacy, confidentiality and value of the
 55 fingerprints and demographic information received and transmitted by
 56 such contractors. The commissioner may authorize such contractors to
 57 charge a convenience fee, which shall not exceed fifteen dollars, for
 58 fingerprinting.

59 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 60 may adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
 61 necessary to implement the provisions of the National Child Protection
 62 Act of 1993, the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of
 63 1994, the Volunteers for Children Act of 1998, and the National Crime
 64 Prevention and Privacy Compact as provided in section 29-164f to
 65 provide for national criminal history records checks to determine an
 66 employee's or volunteer's suitability and fitness to care for the safety
 67 and well-being of children, the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2020	29-11
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Statement of Purpose:

To exempt volunteer fire companies and departments and volunteer ambulance services and companies from the fee for a criminal history records check.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]